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THE BULGARIAN
CONNECTION

GOLDBERG: It seems like the plot of an international spy thriller, a cloak-and-dagger story about black market weapons deals, about a mysterious underworld where heroin is gold and about revolutions that mean millions of dollars. It's a story that reaches into the secret affairs of the Bulgarian government, a story that begins right here in the United States, right here in Miami. Right here with the man in that Mercedes. His name is Peter *Mullach, a German national who lives in a million-dollar home in Miami. He says he's in the import-export business, but Mullach's former son-in-law, once close to the family business, told Danish television that's just a cover for Mullach's real profession. HEINZ WECK: His profession was and is an international, illegal arms deal.

GOLDBERG: In fact, Peter Mullach is part of what has come to be known as the Bulgarian connection, an international Bulgarian plot to sell weapons for revolutions and hard drugs obtained from Middle Eastern traffickers for badly needed hard cash. CBS News has obtained documents that show that Peter Mullach has made deals with the Bulgarians to secretly supply them with high-tech electronic equipment that could not legally be sold to Communist countries. Mullach told the Bulgarians in writing that they could pay part of the bill in something other than cash. He said they could pay in heroin, and the Bulgarians quickly, if slyly, agreed. American intelligence sources and law enforcement officials say current investigations show that the Bulgarians, as the Soviet Union's most faithful followers, use drugs as weapons against the West. FRANCIS MULLEN (Drug Enforcement Agency): There are some countries that take some delight, perhaps, in seeing the destabilization in this country from the addict population that we have because of heroin, and it numbers about 500,000 people.

GOLDBERG: And it is an official arm of the Bulgarian government, the Bulgarian export agency, *Chemtechs that is doing the dealing. MULLEN: We also are aware that several members of the Bulgarian security police are members of the board of directors for Chemtechs, which to us represents a direct involvement on the part of the Bulgarian government.

GOLDBERG: And CBS News has learned that in one deal several years ago, Chemtechs also sold weapons to Peter Mullach--Soviet-made AK-47 rifles, machine guns, grenades, rocket launchers and mines. Mullach turned around and sold those weapons to South Africa, violating a 1977 United Nations Security Council arms embargo prohibiting weapons sales to that country. Ironically, the

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